

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 04 October 2004
Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Force Entertainment
Title of Publication: Halloween 4 The Return Of Michael Myers
Other Known Title(s): Halloween 4
Director(s): Dwight H. Little
Producer(s): Paul Freeman
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author(s): Not Applicable
Format: DVD
Country of Origin: USA
Language(s): English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Movie
Scene Selection
Special Features

Feature: Halloween 4 The Return Of Michael Myers Running Time: 84.39

Other Timed
Components: Force Entertainment / Copyright / Age
Restriction Notices 0.30
Theatrical Trailer (Halloween 4) 1.38
Cut (Featurette) 20.11

Total Running Time: 106.58

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Violence, horror scenes and offensive language.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 01 October 2004

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD *Halloween 4 The Return of Michael Myers* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.

The DVD contains the fourth in a well-known series of horror "slasher" features. Its main character is an evil psychopath who returns from the dead to menace the living. The feature was examined as a 35mm film by the Chief Censor of Film in 1989 and was classified RP16 (Approved for exhibition only to persons 16 years of age and over and to any person under that age when accompanied by that person's parent or guardian).

In spite of a number of violent deaths, it is the "scary" horror elements rather than the violence which provide the feature's dominant effect. However, the additional material on the DVD adds to the extent and degree of violence presented, and to the likelihood that the material would disturb a young audience. The availability of the DVD is likely to be injurious to the public good unless it is restricted to teenagers and adults.

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